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IN RE APPLICATION OF Tsuyoshi KOWAKA, et al.

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FOR: POLYVINYL ALCOHOL POLYMER PRODUCTION METHOD AND POLYVINYL ALCOHOL POLYMER

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
 Additional documents filed herewith:

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 4, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

29. (Amended) A method of producing polyvinyl alcohol polymer comprising:
saponification of a polyvinyl ester in an alcohol-containing organic solvent under the
presence of a saponification catalyst, wherein saponification is carried out with a mole ratio
of alcohol with respect to polyvinyl alcohol of 1.0 to 3.0, wherein saponification comprises:
a primary saponification reaction, in which saponification is carried out by mixing the
polyvinyl ester in an alcohol containing organic solvent under the presence of a
saponification catalyst, and

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